

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

Claim 1. A method of playing a card game comprising:

- a) a player makes a first wager to play a draw poker game;
- b) displaying an initial draw poker hand to the player;
- c) if the initial poker hand comprises a predetermined arrangement of cards, awarding the player an additional round of play of a poker game with at least two hands of cards;
- d) the player playing out the draw poker hand in accordance with a conventional manner of play of draw poker resulting in a final draw poker hand; and
- e) determining a poker hand ranking of the final draw poker hand and awarding the player an amount for a winning draw poker hand based on the poker hand ranking according to a draw poker pay table.

Claim 2. The method of Claim 1 in which the player makes an additional wager to play the next round of play.

Claim 3. The method of Claim 1 in which the initial draw poker hand has five cards and each hand in the additional round of play has five cards.

Claim 4. The method of Claim 1 in which the additional round of play is a draw poker game and each hand has identical cards by suit and rank.

Claim 5. The method of Claim 4 in which, during the additional round of play, the same cards are held in each hand.

Claim 6. The method of Claim 4 in which, during the additional round of play, different cards may be held in each hand.

Claim 7. The method of Claim 1 further comprising if the player receives a predetermined arrangement of cards in an initial starting hand of the additional round of play,

awarding the player a second additional round of play of a
poker game with at least two hands.